

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14051-S14230

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1867-1876, S. Res. 221-222, and S. Con. Res. 69-70. **Page S14088**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1374, to authorize the development and maintenance of a multiagency campus project in the town of Jackson, Wyoming, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106-215)

S. 1503, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2003. (S. Rept. No. 106-216)

H.R. 1907, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide enhanced protection for inventors and innovators, protect patent terms, reduce patent litigation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 217, relating to the freedom of belief, expression, and association in the People's Republic of China. **Page S14088**

Measures Passed:

Veterans' Millennium Health Care Act: Committee on Veteran Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2116, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance programs providing health care, education, memorial, and other benefits for veterans, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S14202**

Domenici (for Specter) Amendment No. 2541, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S14202**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Specter, Thurmond, and Rockefeller. **Page S14202**

National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 1654, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S14202-03**

Domenici (for Frist) Amendment No. 2542, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S14202-03**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators McCain, Stevens, Frist, Hollings, and Breaux. **Page S14203**

Testimony and Document Production Authority: Senate agreed to S. Res. 221, to authorize testimony and document production in *In the Matter of Pamela A. Carter v. HealthSource Saginaw*. **Page S14203**

Select Committee on Ethics Procedures: Senate agreed to S. Res. 222, to revise the procedures of the Select Committee on Ethics. **Pages S14203-12**

Women's Business Centers Sustainability Act: Senate passed S. 791, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women's business center program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S14212-18**

Domenici (for Kerry/Bond) Amendment No. 2543, to make an amendment with respect to the funding formulas and the selection process. **Pages S14213-14**

Independent Office of Advocacy Act: Senate passed S. 1346, to ensure the independence and non-partisan operation of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S14218-22**

Domenici (for Bond) Amendment No. 2544, to make an amendment with respect to the submission of annual reports. **Page S14220**

Mississippi Courts System: Senate passed S. 1418, to provide for the holding of court at Natchez, Mississippi in the same manner as court is held at Vicksburg, Mississippi. **Page S14222**

Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact: Senate passed H.J. Res. 54, granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S14222**

Continued Reporting of Intercepted Wire, Oral, and Electronic Communications Act: Senate passed S. 1769, to continue the reporting requirements of section 2519 of title 18, United States Code, beyond December 21, 1999, after agreeing to committee amendments. **Pages S14222-23**

Bankruptcy Reform Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, agreeing to committee amendments by unanimous consent, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S14052-76**

Pending:

Grassley Amendment No. 1730, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for health care and employee benefits. **Pages S14057-63**

Kohl Amendment No. 2516, to limit the value of certain real or personal property a debtor may elect to exempt under State or local law. **Pages S14063-68**

Sessions Amendment No. 2518 (to Amendment No. 2516), to limit the value of certain real or personal property a debtor may elect to exempt under State or local law. **Pages S14063-68**

Feingold (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2521, to discourage predatory lending practices. **Pages S14069-72**

Feingold Amendment No. 2522, to provide for the expenses of long term care. **Pages S14068-69**

Hatch/Torricelli Amendment No. 1729, to provide for domestic support obligations. **Pages S14072-75**

Leahy/Murray/Feinstein Amendment No. 2528, to ensure additional expenses and income adjustments associated with protection of the debtor and the debtor's family from domestic violence are included in the debtor's monthly expenses. **Page S14075**

Leahy Amendment No. 2529, to save United States taxpayers \$24,000,000 by eliminating the blanket mandate relating to the filing of tax returns. **Pages S14075-76**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Monday, November 8, 1999. **Page S14227**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolutions of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Tax Convention with Estonia (Treaty Doc. 105-55) **Page S14224**

Tax Convention with Lithuania (Treaty Doc. 105-56) **Page S14224**

Tax Convention with Latvia (Treaty Doc. 105-57) **Page S14224**

Tax Convention with Venezuela (Treaty Doc. 106-3) **Pages S14224-25**

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Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Germany (Treaty Doc. 106-13) **Pages S14224, S14226**

Amending Convention with Ireland (Treaty Doc. 106-15) **Pages S14224, S14226**

Convention (No. 182) for Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor (Treaty Doc. 106-5) **Pages S14224, S14226**

Extradition Treaty with the Republic of Korea (Treaty Doc. 106-2) **Pages S14224, S14226-27**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Alphonso Maldon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

John K. Veroneau, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Cornelius P. O'Leary, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Enrolled Measures Signed: **Page S14086**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:48 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, November 8, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14227.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Gregory A. Baer, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Institutions, and Susan M. Wachter, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Policy Development and Research, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ASIAN FINANCIAL CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues relating to the International Monetary Fund reform, focusing on lessons

learned from the Asian financial crisis, after receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary of the Treasury; Carla A. Hills, Hills and Company, former U.S. Trade Representative, and Robert E. Litan, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; and Edmund B. Fitzgerald, Vanderbilt University Owen Graduate School of Management, Nashville, Tennessee, on behalf of the Committee on Economic Development.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Carol Moseley-Braun, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3232–3243, were introduced. Page H11645

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2547, to provide for the conveyance of lands interests to Chugach Alaska Corporation to fulfill the intent, purpose, and promise of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, amended (H. Rept. 106–451);

H.R. 3090, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to restore certain lands to the Elim Native Corporation, amended (H. Rept. 106–452); and

S. 416, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility, amended (H. Rept. 106–453).

H.R. 1444, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to develop and implement projects for fish screens, fish passage devices, and other similar measures to mitigate adverse impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho, amended (H. Rept. 106–454, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 1869, to amend title 18, United States Code, to expand the prohibition on stalking, amended (H. Rept. 106–455). Page H11644

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H11566

Foreign Operations Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 3196, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by yeas and nays vote of 316 yeas to 100 nays, Roll No. 572.

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Agreed to the Young of Florida amendment that provides \$1.825 billion to fully fund the President's request for the Wye River Accord and increases funding for other programs by \$799.1 million by yeas and nays vote of 351 yeas to 58 nays, Roll No. 571.

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Earlier agreed to H. Res. 362, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill. Pages H11567–69

Suspension—Medicare Addbacks: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3075, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make corrections and refinements in the Medicare Program as revised by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 by yeas and nays vote of 388 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 573 agreed to amend the title.

Pages H11596–H11628

Late Report: Managers on the part of the House received permission to have until midnight on Nov. 5 to file a conference report to accompany H.R. 1555, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the

United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Page H11628**

Meeting Hour—Monday, Oct. 8: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8, 1999 for morning-hour debates. **Page H11628**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1999. **Page H11628**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H11566.

Referrals: S. 225 was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services; S. 777 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture; S. 1290 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 1455 was referred to the Committees on the Judiciary and Education and the Workforce; S. 1754 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and S. 1866 was referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H11643**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11595–96, H11596, and H11627. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing to examine the affects on living marine resources from dredged material disposal or placement in the New York Bight. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of New Jersey; Andy Kemmerer, Director, Office of Habitat Operation, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Kathleen C. Callahan, Director, Division of Environmental Planning and Protection, Region II, EPA; Robert M. Engler, Senior Environmental Scientist, Engineering Research and Development Center, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Lillian Borrone, Director, Port Commerce, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

INTELLIGENCE—AUTHORIZATION

Conferees met in closed session and agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1555, to au-

thorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1242)

H.R. 2367, to reauthorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture. Signed November 3, 1999. (P.L. 106–87)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 8 through November 13, 1999

Senate Chamber

On *Monday* and *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 625, Bankruptcy Reform Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate will consider H.R. 3196, Foreign Operations Appropriations, and any other cleared legislative and executive business, including conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee on Aging: November 8, to hold hearings to examine challenges facing an aging baby boom generation, 2 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: November 9, business meeting to consider the nomination of Gregory A. Baer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; and the nomination of Susan M. Wachter, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10:30 a.m., S–214, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: November 8, to hold hearings on mergers in the telecommunications industry, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: November 9, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the vulnerabilities of United States private banks to money laundering, 9:30 a.m., SD–628.

November 10, Full Committee, with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, to hold joint hearings on federal contracting and labor policy, focusing on the Administration's change in procurement regulations, 10 a.m., SD–628.

November 10, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the vulnerabilities of United States private banks to money laundering, 1 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: November 10, with the Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold joint hearings on federal contracting and

labor policy, focusing on the Administration's change in procurement regulations, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: November 9, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, November 8, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, to consider a subpoena for Department of Energy-related documents, 5 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

November 10, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the results of the Department of Energy's Inspector General inquiries into specific aspects of the espionage investigations at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, November 9, to mark up H.R. 21, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 10, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on Capital Formation in Underserved Areas, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, November 9, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Medicaid Fraud and Abuse: Assessing State and Federal Responses, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, November 9, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Force Protection: Improving Safeguards for Administration of Investigational New Drugs to Members of the Armed Forces, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 10, full Committee, to consider the following: a committee draft report entitled: "The FALN and Macheteros Clemency: Misleading Explanations, A Reckless Decision, A Dangerous Message"; a resolution of

Immunity for Yah Lin "Charlies" Trie; H.R. 2376, to require agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a State under a grant program administered by the agency if another State has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under such program; and H.R. 1827, Government Waste Corrections Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, November 9, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Haiti, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 10, hearing on European Common Foreign, Security and Defense Policies: Implications for the United States and the Atlantic Alliance, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, November 10, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the role of the NOAA's fleet in the recovery of data from marine airline crash sites in the Atlantic Ocean, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, November 8, to consider the following: H.R. 3073, Fathers Count Act of 1999; H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act; and the conference report to accompany H.R. 1555, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000, 6 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, November 9, hearing on the Administration's new Social Security plan, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

November 9, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the penalty and interest provisions in the Internal Revenue Code, 3 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

November 10, full Committee, hearing on corporate tax shelters, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conference: November 8, meeting of conferees on H.R. 2116, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care services for veterans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., SC-5, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 Noon, Monday, November 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, November 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 625, Bankruptcy Reform.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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